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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Presentation in CC Docket No. 01-331**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("Iowa Telecom") hereby files this notice of ex parte meeting. On September 24, 2002, Alan Wells, Chief Executive Officer, Iowa Telecom, and Mike Anderson, Vice President, Government Relations, for Iowa Telecom, and Richard E. Wiley and I held a meeting with Chairman Michael Powell and Christopher Libertelli, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell, to discuss Iowa Telecom's Petition for Forbearance in the above-referenced proceeding. In accordance with the Commission's rules, Iowa Telecom is filing this ex parte notice electronically and requests that a copy be placed in the public file in this proceeding.

During the meeting, Iowa Telecom provided a brief overview of its Petition for Forbearance and the reasons why forbearance is warranted in the present circumstances. Iowa Telecom explained that the requested relief would allow the company to make the substantial infrastructure investments that are necessary to bring improved quality voice and data services, including broadband services, to its customers in rural Iowa. The company noted that it did not have a meaningful opportunity to make a reasonable election decision between accepting the CALLS plan or setting interstate access rates at forward-looking cost levels because it did not commence operations until July 2000. Moreover, Iowa Telecom noted that the record demonstrates that all three prongs of Section 10's forbearance test are satisfied. Accordingly, Iowa Telecom urged the Commission to grant its Petition for Forbearance.

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please call the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chairman Powell (paper copy)  
Christopher Libertelli (paper copy)